



NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Objects of the Society

To promote the advancement of nature photography in New Zealand. Nature photography to us means all aspects of the natural environment, including landscapes, flora and fauna, and close-up photography. To promote friendship, cooperation and the exchange of information and ideas about nature photography among the members of the Society both within New Zealand and overseas

Code of Ethics

Nature photographers pursue their interest, because they appreciate the value of the natural world. They will, through their actions, encourage all who participate in the enjoyment of nature, to do so in a way that best promotes good stewardship of the natural resources.

This includes not interfering with wildlife and respecting their space.

You are requested to consider your lens choice to minimise disruption to their lives.

Avoid damaging or interfering with fragile environments and resist imposing at vulnerable times like breeding season.

The Nature Photography Society of New Zealand Inc. began with small enquiries in the mid 1980's among participants of Peter Harper's photography programme at the University of Canterbury. This culminated in a meeting on 20th November 1993 where the 'pathfinders', Peter & Lynda Harper, Laurie Rose, Stephen Wright, Anita Henderson, Bruce Stead, Paul Kennedy, Jim Harding, and Derek Hearn fully discussed the aims, the rules, membership, meeting places, subscriptions and so forth. Four months later, on the 26th of March 1994, the Society was officially launched. About 55 people attended the first meeting to elect officers of the Society, ratify the rules and pay their dues \$80 for foundation members and \$35 for ordinary membership.

The first committee was President: Peter Harper, Vice President: Bruce Stead, Secretary: Stephen Wright, Treasurer: Laurie Rose, Committee: Derek Hearn, Jim Harding, Richard Studholme, Lynda Harper, Paul Kennedy. The club became an Incorporated Society on 29th April 1994. It was first called the Festival of Photography (Image New Zealand) Inc. but changed the name on 5th May 1994.

In April 1994 there were 33 paid up members, 29 of which were foundation members. The first monthly meeting was held in June at the Chinese Cathedral but, because it was rather a cold place, a new venue was found in Kilmore Street at the Canterbury Employers Building. The first field trip was to Mt Grey on the 8th may and then to Cass for the first of many wonderful trips staying at the University Research Facility on the 29th-31st July.

In 2024 we have 148 members, 6 of them life members, Peter Harper, Judy Ashton, Jane Coulter, Ken Muscroft-Taylor, Pol Syrett and Kath Varcoe. Sadly, two life members have died, Stephen Wright and Carl Thompson.

Website: www.naturephotography.nz

Foundation members

Michael Anderson
Judy Ashton
Gaynor Brown
Elizabeth Burtt
Mark Empson
Alastair Fordyce
Hugh Gibbons
Bill Gillespie
Anne-Marie Gilligan
Barrie Gilligan
June Goldstein
Robyn Gosset
Jim Harding
Lynda Harper
Peter Harper
Derek Hearn
Gary Jones
Paul Kennedy
Laurel MacDonald
Murry Mackay
Maureen Pierre
Richard Pierre
Laurie Rose
Robin Smith
Bruce Stead
Richard Studholme
Carl Thompson
David Tipene
Stephen Wright

History of the Nature Photography Society of New Zealand - It all started ...Peter Harper

Hmmm. It all started because photo students from my classes wanted to stay in touch after their classes finished. So, in 1993 we had a meeting at our home in Taylors Ave. Stephen, Laurie Rose, Carl, Paul Kennedy, Lynda and I met to discuss the matter. Can't remember whether Bruce Stead or Richard Studholme were there - there weren't many as I recall. The original idea came from Laurie Rose, I became the founding president for quite a few years as I recall. The official legal birth of the Society was 13 January 1994.

Anyway, we convened a meeting at Okeover (in March 1994 I think) in which 63 people came. Basil O'Connor kept the very first minutes on a piece of paper and a pencil. Laurie Rose worked on making us an Incorporated Society - so we didn't need to pay tax, etc. so we are NOT a club - we are truly an incorporated society.

When we called for subs to the new society, 32 members who paid \$80 became Foundation Members, and many of these remain. In Sep 1994 we had 32 foundation members and 31 ordinary members (annual sub was \$35).

1994 Program - from Gaynor Brown's diary

Noted in the diary is a meeting for the 26 March at 8.00pm at Okeover, Centre for Continuing Education -Nature Photography Society of N.Z. -as a foundation member contribution of \$80. On March 12 prior to this meeting there was a weekend trip to Kaikoura - I think to plan for the trip to Turkey. I picked up Edith. Looking further back I see we had drinks at Judy Ashton's on 4 February.

Looking through notes made on the series of lectures we attended in preparation for the trip to Turkey and the Greek islands, I note that the lectures ran through every week from October 1993 to December 1993. Possibly there was discussion re setting up a continuing photographic nature group at any one of those times. Definitely the first date of 26 March 1994 was the initial setting up date.

We flew to Singapore on 20 April 1994 and were in Istanbul on the 22 May. I continued on through Italy, Holland and Denmark and left Copenhagen on 8 June.

The next date I have for a Nature Photography meeting was 20 June at the Chinese Cultural Hall. The next meeting was at the Chinese Cultural Centre on 18 July and Don Hadden spoke on Wildlife Photography.

July 30 -there was a field trip to Cass.

15 August - the meeting was at Kilmore Street.

This was followed by meeting in September on the 19th at Kilmore Street.

25 September -a field trip to Gore Bay with Nature photography and Laurel McDonald and Judy Ashton were with me.

Next meeting was 17 October.

November 21- Colin Monteath presented on Antarctic Photography.

December 3 - a field trip to Arthurs Pass and Temple Basin led by Derek Hearn.

12 December -a Christmas get together.

Year:	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Committee
1994	Peter Harper	Bruce Stead	Stephen Wright	Laurie Rose	Derek Hearn, Jim Harding, Richard Studholme, Lynda Harper, Paul Kennedy
1995	Peter Harper	Bruce Stead	Stephen Wright	Laurie Rose	Derek Hearn, Jim Harding, Richard Studholme, Lynda Harper, Paul Kennedy
1996	Carl Thompson	Peter McCusker	Jane Macleod	Laurie Rose	Margaret Brown, Lynda Harper, Stephen Wright, Richard Studholme, Bruce Stead, Peter Harper, Derek Hearn
1997	Peter McCusker		Jane Coulter	Laurie Rose	Margaret Brown, Lynda Harper, Stephen Wright, Richard Studholme, Brian Bascand, Judy Ashton, Mark Empson
1998	Peter McCusker	Richard Studholme	Jane Coulter	Sheryl Frew	Margaret Brown, Andy Reisinger, Stephen Wright, Mark Empson, Judy Ashton
1999	Richard Studholme	Judy Ashton	Jane Coulter	Sheryl Frew	Carl Thompson, Stephen Wright, Mark Empson, Judy Ashton, Brian Bascand, Colin Fortune, Peter McCusker
2000	Richard Studholme	Judy Ashton	Alastair Fordyce	Sheryl Frew	Stephen Wright, Carl Thompson, Colin Fortune, Mark Empson, Sally Mason, Peter McCusker
2001	Colin Fortune	Judy Ashton	Alastair Fordyce	Sheryl Frew	Stephen Wright, Alan Jones, Peter McCusker, Carl Thompson, Sally Mason, Richard Studholme
2002	Judy Ashton	Colin Fortune	Stephen Wright	Derek Cook	Mike Godfrey, Carl Thompson, Jill McTeigue, Chris Newman
2003	Judy Ashton	Colin Fortune	Michael Anderson	Karen Talbot	Carl Thompson, Chris Newman, Jill McTeigue
2004	Judy Ashton	Carl Thompson	Michael Anderson	Karen Talbot	Neil Daghish, Nathan Crooks, Pol Syrett, Prue Thornton, Shelley Ball, Stephen Wright
2005	Stephen Wright	Pol Syrett	Karen Talbot	Stephen Wright	Meg Errington, Shelley Ball, Prue Thornton
2006	Stephen Wright	Pol Syrett	Lynda Harper	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Meg Errington, Shelley Ball, Brian Milner, Karen Talbot, Michele Howard, Priscilla Warren
2007	Stephen Wright	Priscilla Warren	Meg Errington	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Duncan Lindsay, Michele Howard, Brian Milner, Anne Lamb, Pete Tyree, Owen Ragg, Kim Annan

2008	Pete Tyree	Priscilla Warren	Trish Brown	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Duncan Lindsay, Michele Howard, Brian Milner, , Owen Ragg, Kim Annan, Pam Cumming, Stephen Wright
2009	Pol Syrett	Lynda Harper	Trish Brown	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Pam Cumming, Michele Howard, Jonathan and James Harrod, Owen Ragg, Stephen Wright, Brian Milner
2010	Pol Syrett	Lynda Harper	Trish Brown	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Pam Cumming, Michele Howard, Jonathan Harrod Linda Gabites, Nick Webb, Stephen Wright, Kath Varcoe
2011	Pol Syrett	Meg Errington	Trish Brown	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Liz Clark, Linda Gabites, Jonathan Harrod, Maureen Pierre, Nick Webb, Kath Varcoe
2012	Meg Errington	Nick Webb	Trish Brown	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Liz Clark, Jane Coulter, Linda Gabites, Jonathan Harrod, John Stone, Pol Syrett, Kath Varcoe
2013	Meg Errington	Nick Webb	Elizabeth Burt	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Liz Clark, Jane Coulter, Katherine McCusker, John Stone, Pol Syrett, Kath Varcoe
2014	Meg Errington	Nick Webb	Elizabeth Burt	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Remco Baars, Liz Clark, Jane Coulter, Katherine McCusker, Pol Syrett, Kath Varcoe
2015	Pol Syrett	Remco Baars	Elizabeth Burt	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Meg Errington, Liz Clark, Jane Coulter, Nick Webb, Bob Wright, Diana Stewart, Kath Varcoe
2016	Remco Baars		Elizabeth Burt	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Jane Coulter, Nick Webb, Kath Varcoe, Diana Stewart, Pol Syrett, Bob Wright, Katherine McCusker
2017	Remco Baars	Stacey Hill	Elizabeth Burt	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Jane Coulter, Kath Varcoe, Carolyn Collins, Peter Hockley, Diana Stewart, Bob Wright, Gavin Treadgold
2018	Peter Hockley	Stacey Hill	Elizabeth Burt	Ken MuscroftTaylor	Jane Coulter, Kath Varcoe, Carolyn Collins, Peter Hockley, Diana Stewart, Remco Baars, Gavin Treadgold, Rob Lawrence
2019	Peter Hockley	Stacey Hill	Elizabeth Burt	Richard Hensby	Jane Coulter, Kath Varcoe, Carolyn Collins, Rob Lawrence, Ken Muscroft-Taylor, Diana Stewart, Gavin Treadgold
2020	Peter Hockley	Stacey Hill	Elizabeth Burt	Richard Hensby	Kath Varcoe, Carolyn Collins, Jane Coulter, Gavin Treadgold, Gina McGauley, Andrea Thompson, Sylvia Thompson-Kriek

2021	Jane Coulter	Richard Hensby	Elizabeth Burt	Richard Hensby	Kath Varcoe, Carolyn Collins, Andrea Thompson, Diana Stewart, Gina McGauley, Peter Hockley, Stacey Hill, James Thompson
2022	Jane Coulter	Richard Hensby	Elizabeth Burt	Richard Hensby	Kath Varcoe, Carolyn Collins, Andrea Thompson, Gina McGauley, James Thompson, Richard Jones, Peter Dini, Helen Boerlage
2023	Jane Coulter	James Thompson	Elizabeth Burt	Richard Hensby	Kath Varcoe, Carolyn Collins, Andrea Thompson, Robyn Owen, James Thompson, Richard Jones, Peter Dini, Helen Boerlage
2024	James Thompson	Robyn Owen	Elizabeth Burt	Linley Earnshaw	Kath Varcoe, Carolyn Collins, Andrea Thompson, Richard Jones, Peter Davies, Helen Boerlage, Jane Coulter
2025	James Thompson	Robyn Owen	Elizabeth Burt	Linley Earnshaw	Kath Varcoe, Carolyn Collins, Andrea Thompson, Richard Jones, Robert Green, Helen Boerlage
2026	James Thompson	Robyn Owen	Elizabeth Burt	Linley Earnshaw	Kath Varcoe, Andrea Thompson, Richard Jones, Robert Green, John Leathwick, Katherine McCusker, Maan Alkaisi

30th Anniversary Information 2023

Patrons

Peter Harper – 1994 – 2011

Carl Thompson - 2011 – 2019

Richard Studholme 2020 – 2023-

Eric Livingstone 2023 -

Presidents

Peter Harper

Carl Thompson

Peter McCusker

Richard Studholme

Colin Fortune

Judy Ashton

Stephen Wright

Pete Tyree

Pol Syrett

Meg Errington

Pol Syrett

Remco Baars

Peter Hockley

Jane Coulter

Honours Board members

C: Chair

Peter Harper (C 1998-2005)

Derek Hearn

Matheson Beaumont (C 2006-2007)

Rob Brown

Paul Kennedy (C 2008 -2012)

Jim Harding

Margaret Brown

Sally Mason

Carl Thompson (C 2013 – 0215)

Terry Maguire

Colleen Carroll

Rod Morris

Bevan Tulett (C 2016-2020)

Pam Cumming

John C Smith

Alice Dupont

2023 Honours Board members

Murry Cave (C 2021-)

Craig McKenzie

Carolyn Elcock

Carolyn Hope

James Gibson

